

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing a note in support of the proposed Amateur band at 5 MHz.

As Motorola's former Chief HF-SSB Consultant, as a Chief Warrant Officer 4 (Signal Corps) and an almost life long Ham, the HF spectrum has been of great interest as a professional, an amateur and as a military communicator. After countless hundreds of computer propagation studies for Motorola customers world wide, and direct observation (the NG, the Corps of Engineers, CAP all have frequencies in this general area) I believe this band is critical to ensuring emergency coverage of regional paths across the USA and the island communities south of Florida. As a SHARES participant, as one who assisted in a small way in creating FED-STD 1045, and served in helping to bring the National HF Emergency Radio System, I can say that amateur radio volunteer participation and support is a part of many disaster and civil defense (to use the old name) planning. This proposed band will help fill a gap in needed spectrum and help to keep the fabric of American government together in the face of regional and national disasters and war.

Best Regards,

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